HELLO AGAIN

<u>JUL – AUG, 2007</u>

<u>A PERSONAL NOTE</u>: If anyone wants information in HA, please e-mail me the exact wording if you can. I can then paste it right in the newsletter. Of course I will accept information in regular mail from everyone else.

As many of you know I had abdominal surgery in June and was in the hospital for 9 days. It will be a slow recuperation.

THIRD REVISED ULTIMATE HISTORY: Just a reminder that this book was originally written in 1992 and is the first and original book listing Network radio programming and the shows that are in circulation.

The First Supplement to the third edition is off the press. Cost is \$5.00 plus \$1.25 P & H.

The 2005 "3rd Revised Ultimate History" is \$56 including P&H. which includes the First Supplement. If you bought any of my earlier editions, the cost is \$46 including P&H. Please send new information when you can for the second supplement. I will need the information by October 1, 2007.

CONVENTION 2007: This is our **32nd** convention. Dates are Oct 18 – 21, 2007 at the Holiday Inn, Newark, NJ. Our web site will keep you up to date. Note web site: http://www.fotr.net.

CONVENTION 2006: 2006 Convention booklets are available for \$2.00 including P&H. There are guests bios and pictures.

All of the sessions were video recorded by Satellite Media Production. You may order them as a complete set or by individual sessions. Please contact Fred Berney at Satellite Media Productions, P.O. Box 638, Walkersville, MD 21793-0638. Phone 800-747-0856. E-mail: fsberney@verizon.net.

Last year, Ellen and Fred Berney prepared 2 DVD's of the past 30 conventions. Cost is \$20 plus \$5.00 P&H. Send to Satellite Media Productions.

2007 Friends Of Old-Time Radio Script Contest

The 14th Annual FOTR scriptwriting Contest is now open. This time we want a half-hour program which is a takeoff of the classic soap operas, complete with brain tumors, mistaken identity - broken romance - whatever brings out the worst in that Golden Age Of Radio. Probably best would be two fifteen-minute episodes, complete with soupy organ music - and finish with a dramatic teaser for next episode. Sponsor (short commercials at beginning and end of each episode) should be a laundry product that existed in the 30's or 40's, or one created by you.

Please limit cast to 5 or 6, including announcer, but minor parts could be doubled. Script must be ready to produce - 10 point type or larger, all sound and music cues included. First Prize is \$200. and it will be performed live at our 2008 convention, with a DVD copy to first prize winner. Second prize is \$100.00. Deadline for submissions is August 31, 2007 to Dave Zwengler, 319 Plymouth Rd., North Brunswick NJ 08902 (732-0940-7639). Three experienced judges from our steering committee will pick the winners.

<u>PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED:</u> A complete list of publications mentioned with addresses, contact people, etc. is one of the introductory pages in my current Ultimate History. It is also part of a small package mailed with your first Hello Again. If you don't have one, e-mail me for it and I will e-mail it to you. If you don't have e-mail, please send me a SASE for it;-Nostalgia Digest, Summer; articles about Marion and Jim Jordan; the first year of CBS; Arthur Anderson; Mac and Bob; TV's Perry Mason;-Chattanooga

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Airwaves, Vol 14, #3; article about Dragnet;-**Illustrated Press**, Jun; articles about Groucho Marx; from printed page to microphone (Part 2)

BOOKS: (Most books can also be purchased at <www.lofcom.com/nostalgia/books/>, <Amazon.com> or <Barnesandnoble.com>. Greenwood Publishing Group (Box 5007, Westport, CT 06881) has published many bio-bibliographies in the performing arts. James Robert Parish is the series editor. Over 80 have been published. For a list or to order call 1-800-225-5800 or 1-203-226-3571;-Many books are from McFarland; 1-800-253-2187; Web (www.mcfarlandpub.com) and Bear Manor Media, Box 71426, Albany, GA 31708 <Bearmanormedia.com> Book Hunter Press, Box 193, Yorktown Hts., NY 10598 (www.bookhunterpress.com);-Martin Grams (OTR Publishing), Box 252, Churchville, MD. 21028; (717) 456-6208 <www.martingrams.com>

From McFarland; Madame Chiang Kai-shek and Miss Emma Mills: China's first Lady and Her American Friend; by Tom Delong; 2007; 264 pages; \$39.95; Her many radio addresses are mentioned:

Also from McFarland; Baseball Over the Air (The National Pastime on the radio and in the Imagination) by Tony Silvia; 2007; 230 pages; soft cover; Cost is \$35. The book integrates radio and baseball historically; Drawing on the memories of authors, broadcasters and fans, this history of baseball on the radio profiles several of the great announcers of the 1920's through the 1950's. contains a list of all the recordings available.

From Martin Grams "The Radio Adventures of Sam Spade", 2007; paperback; 250 pages; \$25; documents the entire history of the radio program, including a complete episode guide and broadcast log to each broadcast.

CONVENTIONS:

2nd Annual Mid-Atlantic Nostalgia Convention, Sep 13 – 15, 2007 at Clarion Hotel, Aberdeen, MD; ; Web site is www.midatlanticnostalgiaconvention.com; For information call Michelle or Martin Grams, Jr. at 717-456-6208;

THE INTERNET: Many of my subscribers are on the Internet. If you want to to get on the mailing list for the Old Time Radio Digest (Round table) on the Internet, e-mail to this address: <old.time.radio-request@oldradio.net>...

WEB SITES: Various OTR Web sites will be posted. Most begin with <www.> Let me know what yours is: Lou Genco (many collectors have their sites here including Vintage Broadcasts; Ted Davenport; Ed Carr; Fred Berney; Pat McCoy) <old-time.com> Jim Widner <otr.com> (Radio Days);-Chuck Schaden <nostalgiadigest.com> BRC (Bob Burnham)
 brcradio.com/> Ted Kneebone < geocities.com/tkneebone1> Jerry Haendiges <otrsite.com/radiolog/index.html> Australian Film and Sound <Screensound.gov.au> Owens Pomeroy (Golden Radio Buffs) (not www) <members.aol.com/grbmd> OTR Digest <www.lofcom.com/nostalgia/books/> Jack Benny Fan Club <Jackbenny.org> Radio Broadcast Chronicles <gna.net/tia> Tom Heathwood <HeritageRadio.com>. First Generation Archives < radioarchives.org > (Free subscription) http://www.radioarchives.org/newsletter.asp Radio Enthusiasts of Puget Sound < repsonline.org Terry Salomonson <audio-classic.com> <digitalotr.com> The OTR Club now has a web page at http://www2.pcom.net/robmcd/otrbuffalo/> Doug Kosmonek http://members.shaw.ca/dougkosmonek> new e-mail is <dougkosmonek@shaw.ca> Radio Spirits <radiospirits.com> The MWOTRC web site is now operational and can be accessed either by www.mwotrc.com or www.readiorecall.com Radio Memories (NEW) www.radiomemories.com...Ivan G. Shreve, Jr. (Thrilling Days of Yesteryear) http://blogs.salon.com/0003139/ Bear Manor Media, a publishing company (run by Ben Ohmart. Send for their catalog...They have published many OTR books in the last few years.

http://www.bearmanormedia.com> RHAC web site is www.rhac.org> Radio Days is celebrating its 10th year on the web at http://www.otr.com> Ron Sayles (births, deaths) http://mywebpage.netscape.com/bogusotr/instant/taz.html. (also) http://otrbirths.blogspot.com/

CATALOGS AND NEW SHOWS (All addresses first): McCoy's Recording (Pat McCoy), Box 1069, Richland, WA 99352 (509) 627-4039 Jerry Haendiges, 13808 Sunset Dr., Whittier, CA 90602 <JHaendiges@aol.com> Radio Memories (Ted Davenport), Box 94548, North Little Rock, AR 72190 (888) 357-2346 < tedotr@sbcglobal.net> Vintage Broadcasts (Andy Blatt), Box 3257, Milford, CT 06460 (203-783-1923); also 1-866-783-1923; <andy@vintagebroadcasts.com>; Great American Radio (GAR) (Gary Kramer), Box 401, Clio, MI 48420 < ga@radio.fm>; Bequaert Old Books, Box 775, Fitzwilliam, NH 03447 (603) 585-3448 < www.beqbooks.com>; send 2 34-cents stamps for a catalog of books and magazines on OTR AVPRO (Don Aston), Box 1392, Lake Elsinore, CA 92531 (1-888-3328776) Redmond Nostalgia Co. (David Kiner), Box 82, Redmond, WA 98073 SPERDVAC Library (Box 7177, Van Nuys, CA 91409) John Barber, Box 72273., New Orleans, LA 70112 (504) 586-1931 < jbarber@gno.lib.la.us>. Vintage Audio (Tom Martin), 461 Maple Ave., Saratoga Springs, NY 12866 (518) 584-1112 <Thomasmartin245@aol.com> Satellite Video Production (Fred Berney) Box 638, Walkersville, MD 21793 (1-800-747-0856) <Berney@fred.net> BRC Productions (Bob Burnham), Box 158, Dearborn, MI 48127 <bob@brcbroadcast.com> <www.brcradio.com> Hello Again Radio (Bob Burchett), 10280 Gunpowder Rd., Florence, KY 41042 Audio Classics Archive (Terry Salomonson), Box 347, Howell, MI 48844; 1-877-653-8963 (for orders only) <audio-classic.com> Lodestone (Richard Fish), 611 Empire Mill Rd., Bloomington, IN 47401; 1-800-411-6463 < lodestone-media.com > (Deals in New Audio Theater Ed Carr, 216 Shaner St., Boyertown, PA 19512 <edcarr@enter.net> Dan Riedstra, 2830 North Rockwell St., Chicago, IL 60618 <daniel.riedstra@wcom.com>. Max Schmid, Box 3449, Astoria, NY 11103 <mschmid@rcn.com> <www.oldtimeradio.com> Henry Hinkel, 254 Florida Avenue, Amsterdam, NY 12010 <www.crabapplesound.com> Danean MacAndrew, P. O. Box 793, Lake Forest, CA, 92609 <www.theradiolady.com> Heritage Radio Classics; Tom Heathwood, Box 16, Boston, MA 02167 <www.heritageradio.com> Listen to the Heritage Radio Theatre every Sunday for one week streaming audio: <www.vintageRadioPlace.com/broadcast>

All listings below list sampling of shows.

Catalog B22: Radio Broadcasting Books and Paper. Over 350 books and paper items related to Radio Broadcasting. from Bequaert Old Books, Send \$1. to Bequaert Old Books, P. O. Box 775, Fitzwilliam NH 03447. and receive (1) Catalog B22, (2) A Certificate good for \$4. towards any purchase from the catalog and (3) Catalog B23 when issued; From **BRC Productions**: a variety of DVD's, CD's and MP3's.

NEW ADDRESSES; **Don Van Handel**, 604 Timberline, Ln. Whiting, NJ 08759

NEW FRIENDS AND RETURNEES: Frank Bequaert, Box 775, Fitzwilliam, NH 03447

OLD FRIENDS: Bill Anthony, 1684 Beryl Dr., Pittsburgh, PA 15227 still looking for more ILAM.

IN FOND MEMORY: Ray Erlenborn, Jun 4, 92; well-known sound effects person; frequent attendee at the FOTR conventions; Mala Powers, Jun 11, 75; actress; Family Theater, Lux; Don Herbert, Jun 12, 89. "Mr. Wizard" radio writer in Chicago; -Aileen Mills, Jun 12, 96; BBC actress (At the Luscombes);-Phil Brito, Oct 28, 2005; 90; singer, composer (Phil Brito Show; A Date With Music);-Bill Farrell, Jun 20; 81; singer (Bob Hope);-Joel Siegel, Jun 29; 63; movie critic (originally radio newscaster and DJ);-Beverly Sills, Jul 2; 78; opera singer (child star on M Bowes Capitol Hour; Our Gal Sunday)

Hello Again is \$15 a year and is published 6 times a year. The first issue appeared in April of 1970.

Write if you get work; and hang by your thumbs

Jay Hickerson, 27436 Desert Rose Ct., Leesburg, FL 34748; Phone: 352-728-6731; FAX: 352-728-2405

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FOTR Web site: http://www.fotr.net

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The Mid-Atlantic Nostalgia Convetion

September 13 - 15, 2007







ED WALKER

Old-Time Radio Show Host

Was part of the "Joy Boys" radio team with Willard Scott, during the time Bob and Ray were taking radio by storm!

DENNY MILLER

Tarzan (1959)

Wagon Train

ERIN GRAY

"Wilma Deering" on BUCK ROGERS

SILVER SPOONS
BAYWATCH

ANNETTE ANDRE

The Prisoner
The Saint
The Avengers
Randall and Hopkirk

ARTHUR WEINGARDEN

The Man From U.N.C.L.E.
The Addams Family
Wonder Woman
The Fugitive
and much, much more!



VIRGINIA DAVIS

Remember the old silent
Disney Alice in Wonderland
film shorts with a live action
Alice and an animated
Wonderland? Well, little
Alice is all grown up and she'll
be attending M.A.N.C.!



MORE GUESTS SCHEDULED!

CHECK OUT
OUR
WEB-SITE!

So what is M.A.N.C.? A weekend convention where every event, celebrity and movie is nostalgic. We have a movie room that plays nostalgic films 24 hours a day (literally). We have an event room from 9 am to 10 pm featuring presentations about nostalgia. We have a dealers room with celebrities signing autographs, chatting with fans and posing for photographs. Whether it's old-time radio, pulp magazines, silent movies or drive-in theaters, it's all here!

Last year was our first year and the attendance was impressive. Judging by the pre-paid admission already, it appears the crowd will be even larger. So don't miss this year's event.

Call 443-286-6821 for information, or visit the web-site,

www.midatlanticnostalgiaconvention.com

Admission costs are 100% donated to J.H.'s Cancer Research Foundation.

The Clarion Hotel, Aberdeen, Maryland (20 minutes from Delaware) Exit 85 off I-95.

Come on by for a day or the weekend and have some fun!

JUST A "SAMPLE" OF THIS YEAR'S EVENTS

Michael Hayde will present a history of the radio series, the ADVENTURES OF SUPERMAN.

Terry Salomonson will offer a history of THE LONE RANGER on radio. Last year he did one for THE GREEN HORNET and as a bonus, he played an uncalculated episode of the Green Hornet so I wonder what he's planning to offer this year?

Martini, the magician, will host a video clip presentation of Orson Welles (focusing on Welles' magic career and performing magic tricks, NOT his movie career).

Don Ramlow will be directing two old-time radio show recreations on stage.

Ed Hulse will present a cultural history of pulp magazines and another presentation about silent cliffhanger serials!

Author Jim Rosin will discuss the television program, ROUTE 66, both as a pop culture and as classic TV entertainment. He will also be signing copies of his book.

The Lassie fan club will be revealing a fascinating history of the television series and a surprise guest!

JUST A "SAMPLE" OF THE FILMS SHOWN IN THE MOVIE ROOM

COMIN' AROUND THE MOUNTAIN (1940) Harold Peary's first screen appearance as the Great Gildersleeve. Supposedly a "lost" film, UCLA's archives only has half the movie but we're showing the entire movie!

HIGHWAY PATROL (1956) A teenage Clint Eastwood guests as a black leather jacket biker! Television's SUSPENSE (1949) Two uncut episodes starring Boris Karloff!

BUCK ROGERS (1934) Produced in 1934 for the Chicago World's Fair, this rarely-seen and never-before available film short is worth watching as it pre-dates Buster Crabbe's cliffhanger serial!

THIS WAY PLEASE (1937) Fibber McGee and Molly's first screen appearance. Come to think of it, Mary Livingstone also made her first screen appearance in this early Betty Grable flick!

M-SQUAD "The Jumper" (1958) Stars Lee Marvin. Watch the one and only episode that caused the Mayor of Chicago to ban filming within city limits for about 20 years!

THOMAS EDISON FILM SHORTS (1888-1916) Just wait till you see what we're showing! Edison made his own mini-movies, and we have some surprises for you!

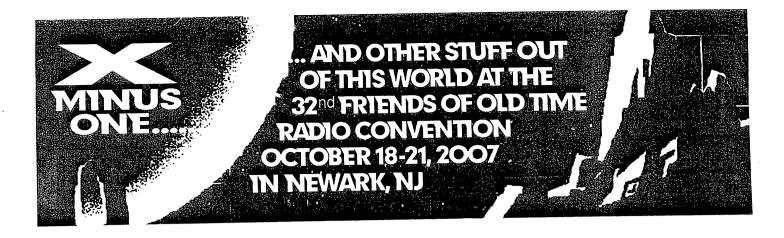
CREATURE FROM THE BLACK LAGOON (1954) The original classic is being shown in 3-D as it was originally shown in theaters back in 1954! (We will provide the glasses!)

Movie room operates 24 hours a day!

I think you get the idea of what's in store for you. Films NOT available on DVD or VHS, a diverse variety of panels and presentations, and movie star celebrities!

443-286-6821 MARTIN

M.A.N.C. BOX 189 DELTA, PA 17314



Guests

Special Convention Guests who have given definite or tentative acceptance of our invitations:

West Coast, Midwest and Southern Guests

Molly Bee – Singer (Tennessee Ernie Ford, Rex Allen) Frank Bresee - Major Hoople, Red Ryder Eddie Carroll - One Man "Jack Benny" Show Barbara Fuller - One Man's Family Bob Hastings – Archie Andrews, X-1 Bill Idelson - Vic and Sade Chuck McCann - Comedian, actor Javne Meadows - Actress, widow of Steve Allen Gloria McMillan – Our Miss Brooks Shirley Mitchell - The Great Gildersleeve Mitch Murray – Songwriter, author, humorous

speechwriter Stuffy Singer – Jack Benny, Hal Peary show Gil Stratton, Jr. - Life with Luigi, My Little Margie

New East Coast Guests

Kay Armen - singer, actress, composer Lucie Arnaz - TV, Movie and Broadway actress W Watts (Buck) Biggers - novelist, producer, composer (Underdog)

Carleton Carpenter - actor, singer (Stagestruck) Marilyn Michaels – Woman of 1000 faces and voices Freddie Roman - Comedian Allen Swift - comic/character actor; mimic; host of the

Popeye Show in New York

Returnees

Arthur Anderson - Let's Pretend, Mercury Theater Don Buka - Let's Pretend Cliff Carpenter - County Seat, Terry and the Pirates

Jeff David - Theater 5; (TV) Robot on Buck Rogers

Shirley Eggleston - Crime Letter from Dan Dodge

Peter Fernandez - Suspense

Joe Franklin - Joe Franklin Show in New York

Michael Gwynne - Drummer, DJ, actor (Movie) Payday, many others

Pat Hosley - A Brighter Day

Will Hutchins - (TV) Blondie; Sugarfoot Elaine Hyman - The Lone Ranger

Simon Jones - British Actor (TV) Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy

Teri Keane - Adventure Parade, Big Sister Ruth Last - Let's Pretend, Quiet Please

George Lefferts - Writer (X - 1

Corinne Orr - Theater Five; (TV) Voices for Speed Racer; Trixie and Spritle

Bill Owen - (Announcer for ABC)

Bobby Ramsen - Comedian

Rosemary Rice - Archie Andrews; Let's Pretend

Jean Rouverol - One Man's Family Nan Warren - Let's Pretend, Eddie Cantor

Events

The following events are **tentatively** scheduled. Time will be announced at convention. Any are subject to change.

Thursday

Dealers Rooms: 9 am - 5:30 pm

Radio Idol (R Larson, D Zwengler) winner cast in re-creation by

"Those Were the Days Players"

One on one with Jayne Meadows (Brian Gari)

Comedy Panel - Part 1 (Derek Tague)

Jack Herman presents "Standby, You're on the Air!"

Frank Bresee presents an hour of radio nostalgia

Authors Panel with Martin Grams: Mel Simons: David and Susan Siegel, others

Cocktails and Dinner: 5:30 - 8:00

Those Were the Days Radio Players (Magnificent Montague)

Peter Fernandez directs an episode of Suspense

Original Script (Who Killed the Silver Syclone) (Arthur Anderson);

Friday (Daytime)

Dealers Rooms: 9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Children in Radio and Television; G Downes with Buck Biggers; Nan Warren; Bob Hastings; Allen Swift; Stuffy Singer; Gil

Stratton, Jr.

Sportscasters (Ken Stockinger)

Movies Depicting Radio (F Berney)

Writing and Publishing OTR books (David and Susan Siegel)

FDR - Wartime and Radio (G Yoggy)

Comedy Panel - Part 2 with Derek Tague, M L Wallace; with Mitch

Murray, Shirley Mitchell, Molly Bee; Michael Gwynne; Lucie Arnaz; Freddie Roman; Chuck McCann

(Re-creation) original presentation by the Dave Warren Players "My Friend Irma"

Friday Night

Cocktails and dinner: 5:30 - 7:45 p.m.

(Re-creation) Gregg Oppenheimer directs "Harry Lime"

(Re-creation) Arthur Anderson directs 2000+ episode of The Brooklyn

(Re-creation) Frank Bresee directs "A Date with Judy" with all-star cast

Saturday (Daytime)

Dealers Rooms: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Radio Bloopers and Out takes (G Oppenheimer)

Commercials and Jingles (A Anderson and E Clute)

X-1 Panel with G Lefferts

(Re-creation) The Gotham Radio Players present Lights Out, a lost 1939 episode of "Reunion" directed and produced by Steve Lewis and Max Schmid

The Joe Franklin Show with special Guests including Marilyn
Michaels, Jayne Meadows, Carleton Carpenter: Liz Larson

Singers, musicians and Big Bands, 11th annual (hosted by Stu Weiss and Brian Gari); guests include Mitch Murray, Carleton Carpenter, Molly Bee; Kay Armen

(Re-creation) X-1 (Junkyard) Dir by A Tollin involving G Lefferts and all-star cast

Saturday Night

Cocktails and dinner: 5:30 - 7:45 p.m.

(Re-creation) Screen Directors Playhouse "Stagecoach" with Chuck McCann; (G Yoggy)

Peg Lynch

(Re-creation) Anthony Tollin directs Jack Benny with Eddie
Carroll

Awards

Sunday Morning

Breakfast from 7:00 am to 9:30; There will be a panel of guests (to be decided) from 9:30 to 11:00 am

Getting There

By Air: Fly to Newark Airport

Free shuttle bus from Newark Airport baggage area to the Holiday Inn

By Bus: Bus service from Manhattan's Port Authority to Newark Airport: then take shuttle bus.

By Car: From NJ Turnpike, take Exit 14; take second right marked Frontage Road after toll booth. DO NOT TAKE FIRST RIGHT which is Rt. 1 & 9. Take second right directly under bridge marked Frontage Road. You must take one of the right - hand tolls and stay on the right. From Garden State Parkway south of airport, take Exit 140 to Route 22E to Routes 1 & 9 North, local. Follow the sign marked Frontage Road. Follow to hotel. From Garden State Parkway North of airport: take Exit 142 to I-78 to Exit 58B (Frontage Road)
From Newark Airport, exit airport and follow route 1 & 9 North to Frontage Road.

By Train: Check your local train schedule

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Reserve your spot as soon as possible. Prepaid tickets are held at the door. Take advantage of our package specials described on attached sheet.

Thursday, October 18; Daytime only (9 am - 5 pm); \$20 if paid in advance; \$25.00 at the door

Thursday, October 18; Daytime and evening including buffet dinner (9 am - closing) 49.00.

Friday, October 19: Daytime only (9 am - 5:30 pm) \$20.00 if paid in advance; \$25.00 at the door.

Friday, October 19: Daytime and evening including buffet dinner (9 a.m. - closing) \$61.00. Discount of \$5.00 for those over 62 and under 16.

Saturday, October 20: Daytime only (9 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.) \$20.00 if paid in advance; \$25.00 at the door.

Saturday, October 20: Daytime and evening including buffet dinner (9 a.m. - 10:30 p.m.) \$67.00. Discount of \$5.00 for those over 62 and under 16.

Sunday, October 21: Morning including buffet breakfast and panel, 7:00 to 11:00 am: \$20

Complimentary coffee and muffins early Thursday, Friday and Saturday mornings; complimentary hors d'oeuvres Friday and Saturday evenings. Hors d'oeuvres for dinner guests only.

Dealer's Tables are \$70 for first table; \$65 for others by same dealer <u>Details on special sheet.</u>

Hotel: Rooms are \$99.99 plus parking (\$15 a day), no matter how many in a room, no matter how many nights. All rooms can be reserved on the web site: OR USING THE 800 number (1-800 Holiday; 1-800 465-4329);

Reservation should be placed by September 25th.

Rooms are limited. There are other options described on special sheet.

Ads: Ads may be placed in our program book. See attached

Registration

Advance dinner reservations **must** be made. Reservations are limited (Friday 300; Saturday 400). Make checks out to FOTR or Jay Hickerson; send to Jay Hickerson to address below.

Mail to Jay Hickerson, 27436 Desert Rose Ct., Leesburg, FL 34748; 352-728-6731; E-mail (Jayhick@aol.com)

On the Web at: www.fotr.net

32nd Friends of Old-time Radio Convention

Oct 18 – 21. 2007

Updated and Further Information

Registration

All meal reservations MUST be paid in advance. If you are coming for the day only, avoid the hassle of paying at the registration desk and save money. Preregistration for the day only is \$20 if mailed in advance and \$25 if paid at the door for each day. Remember, if you register at the door, you have to fill out a registration card. If you can't attend the dinner but wish to stay for the activities afterwards, the cost is \$20 for each night.

The cocktail hour is for dinner guests only. If you come for the day only, but wish to stay for the cocktail hour and hors d'oeuvres, add \$10 to the cost.

PACKAGE PRICES: If you come for all 4 meals (Thursday through Sunday, cost is \$182 (\$172 for seniors). If you come for Thursday through Saturday, cost is \$162 (\$152 for seniors). If you come for Friday through Sunday, cost is \$138 (\$128 for seniors). Make reservations, pay early and avoid lines at the registration table. Tickets are not sent when you register. They are held at the door. If you want confirmation that money has been received, please send a SASE or e-mail address. It would be easier to send me your e-mail address anyway. I can send you updated information easier.

Rooms and Parking

Rooms must be reserved through the Holiday Inn-North 800 number (1-800 Holiday; 1-800 465-4329) OR the web site. Cost of the rooms is \$99.99 a day plus daily parking fee of \$15, regardless of the number of days or number of people in the room. A deposit might be required (by credit card). If you must cancel, you must do it by 6 pm of the day you are arriving. Rooms should be reserved by September 25th. If you reserve them after that, you will be taking a chance on availability. If you do not get that rate or better with the 800 number, call the Holiday Inn directly at 973-589-1000 and ask for Louise's office.

Cost for daytime guests is \$1.00 a car UNLESS at least one person in the group buys food in the restaurant or bar; then there is no charge.

If you wish to stay at the **Howard Johnson**, which is also renovated and a half mile from the Holiday Inn, cost per night might be less. There is shuttle service. Call the Howard Johnson at 973-344-1500.

If you wish to stay next door at the Sheraton, call 1-800-325-3535.

Also try the internet. Don't mention FOTR at first. Don't forget to try the Sheraton. Try to share rooms with someone. Mention AARP and/or AAA if appropriate. There may still be a parking fee if done this way.

Seating

Sit where you wish on Thursday and Sunday. On Friday and Saturday, tables will be numbered and will be assigned in advance. Tables sit 10 people. If you wish to reserve a full or partial table, please let me know in advance with whom you would like to sit. Make sure the people with whom you wish to sit are coming. A few people gave me a long list of people to choose from. I can't do this. All those who register at the door or who have no preference will sit where there is room. Table reservations must be made in advance. We expect a larger attendance than usual.

Ads

Ads may be placed in our program book (8 1/2 by 11). This is our 32nd year and we will again have an expanded program book with guest biographies and articles. Cost for ads are:

Dealers at our convention may take a 35% discount on the ad. Help support our 32nd annual convention. Deadline for ads is October 1st.

Wednesday

To all Wednesday overnight guests and committee; Come and join us for complimentary wine, beer and cheese in the Dresden Room from about 6 pm to about 10 pm. There also will be soft drinks and vegetable & cheese platters. Please let me know if you plan to attend.

Thursday

Remember, the dealers are open from 9 am. I will be at the Holiday Inn Wednesday afternoon.

Food

If you have to eat at a particular time or need special food, please let me know in advance.

Dealers

Cost for dealers will be \$70 for the first table and \$65 for any others. All details on a special sheet. Daytime registration fees for dealers will be eliminated. Dealers can arrive as early as 7 am Thursday morning to set up. Some dealers will be able to set up late Wednesday night. I will let you know as I get closer to the date.

No Smoking

This is a smoke free convention. The Hotel is under new management and is completely renovated. There is NO SMOKING ANYWHERE in the convention area, the lobby or the rest rooms.